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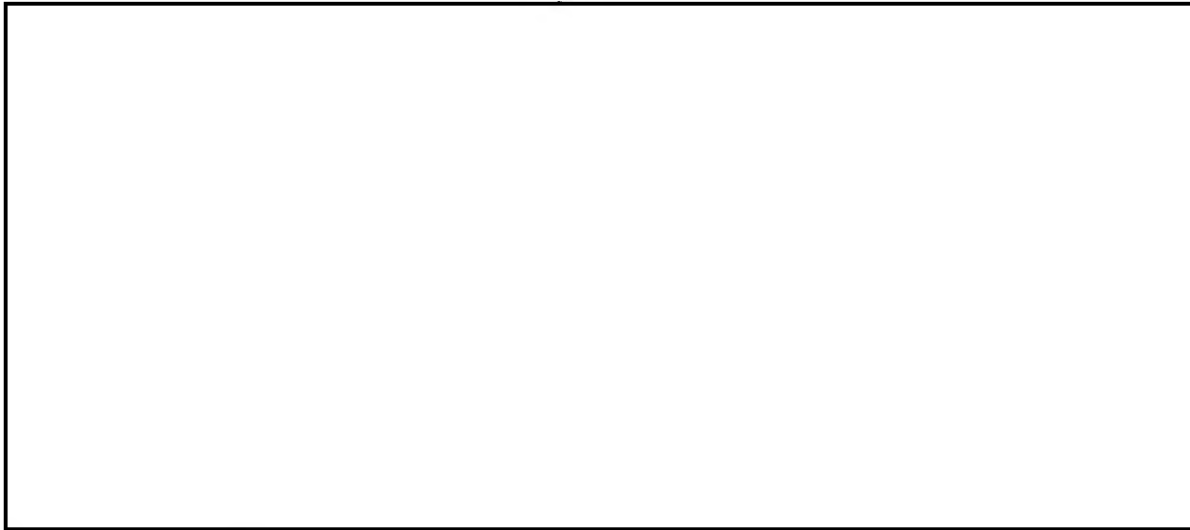
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RALPH LI BUTTI, aka
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER 646 179 B, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Union City NJ	Ralph Libutti #5416	3-24-54	conspiracy to rob	
SO Jersey City NJ	Ralph Peter LiButti #40822	6-11-54	robb	
PD Los Angeles Calif	Robert Ralph Labutti #129-X	applicant 5-26-55		
				
SO Jersey City NJ	Harry LaRosa #59271	12-17-66	disorderly person	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	WANTED: Robert Ralph LaButti wa. Buddy Borrel on Felony Warrant for GT (1 ct) NSF (2 cts) Notify PD Los Angeles, Calif per inf rec therefrom 7-9-56. NO LONGER WANTED per inf rec 9-14-65.			

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10/2/67

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (92-2970)

RALEPH LI BUTTI, aka.
RALEPH ROSELLI, HARRY LA ROSA, BUDDY BONNEL
AR
OO: Newark

Intelligence Unit, NJ State Police, has requested the assistance of this office to locate and interview subject who is a convicted robber and suspected gambling operator with FBI #646 179 B.

LI BUTTI has been associated with THOMAS EBOLI, aka. TOMMY RYAN, the underboss of the GENOVESE family of LCN. For reason unknown, a "hit" contract is allegedly out for LI BUTTI, and NJ killer [redacted] is making discreet attempts to locate him. It appears likely that [redacted] has the "hit" contract. [redacted] is a shylock and gambling operator himself? b6 b7C

NJ State Police have determined that the subject is hiding out with [redacted] Calif. Subject may be driving a 1967 Cadillac with NJ plates. b6 b7C

Subject has allegedly obtained a passport and plans to leave for Italy in the near future.

Los Angeles is requested to locate and interview subject [redacted] b7E

Newark has no description or photograph of subject but his ident record reflects that he was an applicant for the LA PD under #129-X on 5/26/55 under the name ROBERT RALEPH LA BUTTI. The LA PD also had a Felony Warrant for subject as of 7/9/56 but a No Longer Wanted Notice was posted on 9/14/65. Subject was also arrested by the San Gabriel, Calif. PD on 10/1/55 on suspicion of car theft and burglary.

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2 - Newark
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Washington Field is requested to check Passport Division, Department of State, for any information or photo of subject. Advise Newark and Los Angeles.

10/16/67

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (92-2970) (P)

SUBJECT: RALPH LI BUTTI, aka
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(OO: Newark)

Re Newark airtel dated 10/2/67.

State Police informant advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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You are requested to expedite interview of subject as set out in referenced airtel. Possibility of subject being "hit" is imminent as is possibility he may leave California "hideout" for some other location.

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2 - Newark
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10/19/67

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (92-2970) (P)
RALPH LI BUTTI, aka.
AR
OO: Newark

RE: Newark airtel 10/16/67

Intelligence Unit. NJ State Police advised this date
that correct name of [REDACTED]

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State Police source advises that [REDACTED]

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2 - Newark
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEWARK (92-2970)

FROM : SA BERTIE J. WRISTON, JR.

SUBJECT: RALPH LI BUTTI, aka.
AR
OO: Newark

DATE: 10/20/67

SA LARRY LAWRENCE, LA Office, called at 2:30 p.m.
re RALPH LIBUTTI, AR, NK 92-2970.

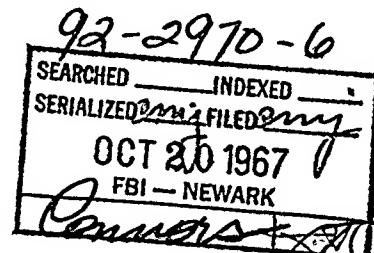
LA was unable to locate subject but did contact [redacted] yesterday. The [redacted] said he had no idea where LIBUTTI had gone to, but that subject had received numerous phone calls and did indicate he was in some kind of trouble but didn't reveal type of trouble.

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Today the [redacted] called LA office that subject was in the New Jersey area and a message would be given to subject to call the Newark Office and speak with the Agent with initials JHC.

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The office telephone operator has been alerted to this phone call.



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Date: 10/19/67

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-2848)
SUBJECT: RALPH LI BUTTI, aka
AR
OO: Newark

Re Newark airtels to Los Angeles 10/2 and 16/67.

Investigation at [redacted]
California, reflected [redacted] resides in [redacted]
of a large [redacted] at that address. Spot checks at
that address have failed to indicate that a 1967 Cadillac,
bearing New Jersey licenses has been observed in the vicinity.

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File review conducted at the Los Angeles Office
reflects that Los Angeles file [redacted] Newark file [redacted]
captioned [redacted] ITAR - Arson - Conspiracy, wherein
previous information indicates that prior to 1/3/66, RALPH
LI BUTTI was described as white, male, 5'8" tall, born
2/10/32, resided 379 Forest Dr., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey
the former residence of THOMAS CHOLI, aka Tommy Ryan. This
communication reflected LI BUTTI was associate of [redacted]
of [redacted] New Jersey. Communication
further reflects that information had been received from
Police Department in Torrington, Connecticut reflecting that
in December 1965 LI BUTTI was wanted in Torrington, Connecticut
for obtaining goods under false pretences in connection with
a bad check.

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(2) - Newark (92-2970)
2 - Los Angeles
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Special Agent in Charge

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For the information of New Haven Office, Los Angeles is attempting to locate subject, who is reportedly in the Los Angeles area.

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NEW HAVEN

AT TORRINGTON, CONNECTICUT. Attempt to obtain photograph of subject from Torrington Police Department and immediately furnish to Los Angeles Office, to aid in efforts to locate subject.

NEWARK

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY. If photograph of subject is available, immediately forward to Los Angeles Office.

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Date: 10/20/67

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, NEWARK (92-2970)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-2848)
SUBJECT: RALPH LI BUTTI, aka
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Re Los Angeles airtel dated 10/20/67, and telephone call of SA LOWELL S. LAWRENCE to Newark this date.

[redacted] contacted Los Angeles Office of the FBI this date and advised that [redacted] had contacted [redacted] in New Jersey and advised of the desire of the FBI to talk with him. [redacted] advised that [redacted] indicated that LI BUTTI would contact the Newark Office of the FBI, and desired the name of an agent to contact. [redacted] was furnished the initials of Newark Agent JAC, case agent in instant case, as agent to contact.

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2 - Los Angeles

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 10/20/67

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, NEWARK (92-2970)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-2848) (RVC)

SUBJECT: RALPH LI BUTTI, aka
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Re Newark airtels to Los Angeles dated 10/2/67
and 10/16/67.

On 10/19/67, [redacted]
[redacted] located at [redacted]
California, telephone number [redacted] advised that
[redacted] and [redacted] have resided in [redacted]
at that address for six months. She advised that approximately
8/1/67, RALPH LI BUTTI, his wife, [redacted] b6
[redacted] arrived in a 1962 or 1963 Cadillac, brown in color, b7C
bearing New Jersey license plates. She advised that
approximately 9/1/67, Mrs. LI BUTTI [redacted] returned,
she believes, to New Jersey, but RALPH stayed on in
[redacted] with [redacted]

[redacted] advised that approximately ten days
ago both the [redacted] and RALPH left their apartment during
the night owing several weeks rent. She advised that she
believes they returned to New Jersey to the residence of
[redacted]
New Jersey.

She continued that approximately one week ago a
woman identifying herself as [redacted] home telephone
number [redacted] telephone number [redacted] b6
and places to be contacted at: [redacted] b7C
telephone number [redacted] and the [redacted] telephone
number [redacted] contacted her attempting to locate LI BUTTI.
This woman advised that LI BUTTI had "taken her" for \$800

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1 - New Haven (Info)
2 - Los Angeles

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and had "taken" other people for \$7,000. She advised that one of these people "taken" by LI BUTTI was holding his Cadillac.

On 10/19/67, [redacted] was contacted at [redacted] in [redacted] where he is employed as a [redacted]. He advised that he and [redacted] left their apartment in [redacted] approximately ten days ago due to some trouble RALPH was involved in.

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He advised that RALPH had received several telephone calls from some person unknown to [redacted] which calls appeared to bother RALPH. [redacted] continued that he believes that RALPH returned to New Jersey, but he only assumes this. He advised that he has no idea of his present whereabouts or any involvement by RALPH either in the Los Angeles area or back in New Jersey. He stated that as RALPH and [redacted]

[redacted] are very close, she may have some information as to his present whereabouts, and he would question her concerning any information she might have. He stated that if he was able to contact RALPH or could obtain any information concerning his whereabouts he would immediately notify either the local office of the FBI or have RALPH contact the Newark, New Jersey FBI Office. [redacted] advised that while RALPH was staying with him, he and [redacted] accompanied RALPH to the Gardena, California area where RALPH lost some money gambling, but he has no idea how much or to whom he may have lost this money. He continued that he has no idea of the present location of RALPH's Cadillac.

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[redacted] who advised that he and [redacted] are presently residing [redacted] California, could be reached at his place of employment, [redacted] California, telephone number [redacted]. He furnished the following description of [redacted] RALPH LI BUTTI:

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Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	35
Height	5'10"
Weight	190
Build	Stock with a pot belly
Hair	Full head of dark hair, receding
Appearance	Italian
Wife	Joan, age 35
Children	Two, boy 15 and girl 13

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Date:

Transmit the following in _____
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Via _____
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Information copy is being furnished to New Haven Office in view of request sent from Los Angeles by airtel requesting a photograph of RALPH LA BUTTI.

No further investigation is being conducted in the Los Angeles territory and this matter is being RUC'd to the office of origin, however, in the event LI BUTTI contacts Los Angeles Office, he will be interviewed as per lead set forth in re Newark airtel.

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Via _____
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Date: 10/23/67

Transmit the following in PLAIN
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO LOS ANGELES (92-2848)

FROM NEWARK (92-2970) (P)

RALPH LI BUTTI, AKA. AR. OO: NEWARK

RE: NEWARK AIRTELS TO LOS ANGELES OCTOBER TWO, & NINETEEN

SOURCE ADVISED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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LOS ANGELES REQUESTED TO RECONTACT [REDACTED] AND MAINTAIN
CONTACT WITH HIM IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE SUBJECT CONTACT EITHER
NEWARK OR LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

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LOS ANGELES SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT WE WISH TO AID
SUBJECT. LOS ANGELES SHOULD CONCEAL FACT THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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KEEP NEWARK ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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Date: 10/27/67

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: SAC, NEWARK (92-2970)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-2848)

SUBJECT: CHANGED
RALPH LA BUTTI, aka.,
Ralph La Spade
AR

OO: Newark

Re Newark teletype to Los Angeles dated 10/23/67.

Title of this communication is marked changed to reflect alias used by subject in association with [redacted] as RALPH LA SPADE.

Contact made at [redacted] California, location of employment of [redacted] of subject. Officials, [redacted] advised [redacted] on vacation during entire week 10/23/67 through 10/27/67. Recontact made at previous residence of [redacted] California, negative as to any information of present whereabouts of subject.

[redacted] employed at [redacted] California, telephone [redacted] residence phone [redacted] who had previously resided at the previous residence of [redacted] was interviewed as to the whereabouts of the subject and she advised that she last heard from the subject ten days ago. Subject at that time telephonically indicated to her he wanted her to hide him out. [redacted] who refused to reveal how she met

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LI BUTTI, advised she loaned him approximately \$800 which he obtained from her in a "con scheme" indicating he was expecting a large check on the sale of bonds and would pay back this loan when this check arrived. Subject left with [redacted] as security a check in the amount of \$300 drawn on the Hudson County National Bank, 95 River Street, Hoboken, New Jersey. This check has subsequently been returned by the bank as a "no account" check.

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[redacted] advised that LI BUTTI took her entire savings and had taken the savings of other people in the [redacted] California area in the same manner. She advised that she understood that RALPH LA SPADE was not subject's true name and that he used the name RALPH LA SPADE in contacts with her. She advised she believes this is subject's mother's maiden name [redacted] who advised she is Italian, received the impression from LI BUTTI that he was associated with "People". She stated that [redacted] and [redacted] were present when LI BUTTI borrowed the money but did not enter into the transaction. She indicated that she had been conducting extensive investigation attempting to get back money loaned by her to LI BUTTI but has no idea of his present whereabouts.

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Inasmuch as the Los Angeles Office has advised [redacted] of the extreme importance of having subject contact either the Los Angeles Office or Newark Office and [redacted] inquiry as to whether this was a matter of life or death, it appears apparent that LI BUTTI is aware of the danger to his life and has apparently ignored the plea of the FBI to contact that agency.

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Unless Newark has some objection unknown to the Los Angeles Office, the Los Angeles Office will not conduct a fugitive type investigation to locate LI BUTTI and will advise the Los Angeles Police Department of the imminent possibility of danger to this man's life.

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Date:

Transmit the following in _____
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Via _____
(Priority)

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Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date: 10/30/67

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, NEWARK (92-2970)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-2848)(RUC)

SUBJECT: RALPH LI BUTTI, aka.
AT

OO: Newark

Re Newark Teletype to Los Angeles, 10/23/67,
and Los Angeles airtel to Newark dated 10/26/67.

[redacted] recontacted at place of employment, [redacted] California, where he is employed as [redacted] advised that message from FBI to contact Newark Office of FBI was telephonically furnished to LI BUTTI by [redacted] to subject's mother. [redacted] advised that from telephone conversation which he overheard, he understood LI BUTTI was contacting attorney and through attorney would contact Newark Office to determine reason for interest of FBI. He advised he thought LI BUTTI had already made this contact.

[redacted] again stated he had no knowledge of present whereabouts of [redacted]

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1 - Los Angeles
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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 11/7/67

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, NEWARK (92-2970)

FROM: SAC, WFO (92-1723) (RUC)

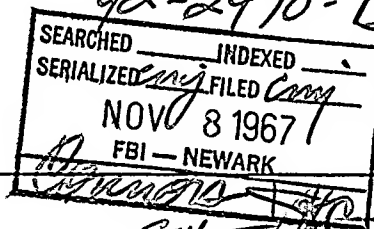
RALPH LI BUTTI, aka
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(OO:NK)

Reurairtel dated 10/2/67.

Mrs. VERDE CRENSHAW, Passport Office, Department of State advised SA KENNETH J. HASER on 10/18/67, that a search had been made of the files of that office but no record of a passport application by subject could be located. WFO requested a recheck in view of info in reairtel. On 11/6/67, WFO was advised that a special search had been made concerning subject with negative results.

It is noted that a lapse of about a month, often occurs between the time of a passport application and when it reaches its proper place in file in Washington. Therefore, if your sources advise that subject has left for a trip abroad, request WFO to have another passport check made concerning him.

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1 - Los Angeles (Info) (AM)
1 - WFO

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEWARK (92-2970)

FROM : SA JOHN J. CONNORS

SUBJECT: RALPH LI BUTTI, aka
AR

DATE: 11/9/67

On 10/30/67, Lt. [] New Jersey State Police, advised the writer that his informant had told him [] In view of this, the writer feels that the Newark Division should discontinue its attempts to interview LITBUTTI, since this investigation was primarily undertaken to assist the State Police in locating LI BUTTI, who had fled to California.

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Lt. [] has advised the writer that he will inform the Newark Office of what progress, if any, his investigators have in contacting LI BUTTI.

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For the purpose of further investigation on LI BUTTI, SA EUGENE F. COYLE, on 10/31/67, advised that he had determined that the subject has a [] who is a close to an attorney, []

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[] N.J. The writer knows nothing concerning LI BUTTI's and sets out the above information solely to assist any future investigation.

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-2848)

11/9/67

SAC, NEWARK (92-2970) (C)

RALPH LI BUTTI, aka
AR
(OO: NEWARK)

Reurairtel, dated 10/20/67.

You may discontinue contacts with the [redacted]
[redacted] at your discretion. New Jersey State Police
have advised that the subject has returned to New Jersey.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

TO:

Date 9-20-67

Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
United States Post Office and
Court House Building
Newark, New Jersey 07101

Your inquiry

Attention: William Gagnon
Supervisor

RE: HARRY LAROSA

- ☒ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
☐ Attached furnished in compliance with request from
☐ Only record available attached.
☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
☐ Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
☐ Records FBI #
are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
☐ Fingerprint files fail to disclose
☐ Confirming FBI wire of
☐ A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
☐ When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.
☐ If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.
☐ Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.
☐ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.
☐ Your communication is returned.
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☐ Copy to:

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